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Sponsors needed for Camp Conservation

NEWBERRY, SC – The Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District is looking for sponsors for boys at Boys Farm in Newberry to attend Camp Conservation, a national award winning natural resources and agricultural educational summer day camp. The Camp will be held July 7-10 in Lynch's Woods Park, a 450-acre natural forest located within the city limits of Newberry, SC.

The boys, ages 9-12, earn enough Boys Farm credits to attend by doing regular chores on their farm, receiving good report cards, working around the campus and displaying a positive behavior.

Course objectives include soil, water, air, plants, animals & wildlife, agriculture and farming. The boys will be located in the park for three days learning about nature. One day is a field trip to see agriculture first hand. A stream study will be conducted for the boys to actually get into the creek and search for micro-invertebrates. They learn about water quality, stream velocity, and erosion. Plant identification, aerial mapping, surveying, soil quality and soil types are also covered. Professionals from a diversity of agencies and organizations will be teaching the classes.

Campers will also visit a supermarket to learn about products from the back loading dock all the way through the store when the product leaves the front door in a grocery bag. Then we will head to the farm for a detailed daylong tour of a dairy, beef cattle operation, turkey house and swine operation. They will learn about corn, soybeans, wheat, and silage and will experience the challenges dealing animal waste, lagoon storage, and irrigation systems.

Registration is \$ 75 per camper. Enrollment is limited to the first 45 paid campers. To sponsor one or more boys for this summer's event, contact Annette Davis, district education coordinator, Newberry Soil and Water Conservation district, 803-276-1978, ext. 3, info@CampConservation.com.

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